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Preliminary LOSS REPORTS
for the week of 20-26 APR 06

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SOLDIERS DIED IN ACCIDENTS

- 6 injured Soldiers
- 1 M1114 HMMWV damaged

LOSSES

➔ A Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident on 20 April 2006 at 0252 local in Rockville, Md. The Soldier was drinking earlier in the evening and ended up at a fellow Soldier's apartment. When the Soldier decided to leave, the other Soldier was unable to convince him to stay. Minutes later the Soldier drove his 1997 Suzuki Bandit 1200 motorcycle into the back of a slow-moving construction pickup truck. He was ejected on impact and the motorcycle burst into flames. The Soldier was not wearing a DOT approved helmet or other required PPE. He was not licensed and had not attended the Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. Alcohol was a factor. **COST: 1 Soldier Killed**

➔ A 3rd COSCOM Soldier was injured in an ammunition explosion on 20 APR 06 at 1200 local in Iraq. The Soldier was performing duties as an ammunition bearer and participating on a crew-served weapons range. While standing approximately 5 meters behind a M114 HMMWV, a round detonated 25 meters in front of the vehicle, causing a piece of rock to fly up and strike the Soldier in the right eye. **COST: 1 Soldier Injured**

➔ Two 49th Military Police Brigade Soldiers were injured in an AMV accident on 21 APR 06 at 0749 local in Iraq. The driver and gunner of a M1114 HMMWV with level I armor were en route to conduct a weapons test fire when the vehicle struck a curb at approximately 40 to 45 MPH, causing the vehicle to roll twice and land on the TC's side. **COST: 2 Soldiers Injured 1 M1114 HMMWV damaged**

➔ An Operations Group, NTC Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident on 21 APR 06 at 2356 local on Ft. Irwin, Calif. The Soldier was riding another Soldier's 2006 Suzuki GSXR 750 when he crossed into an oncoming lane and hit the curb causing the motorcycle to flip. The Soldier was taken to a local medical center where he later died from his injuries. The Soldier was not licensed and had not attended an Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. He was not wearing a helmet or other PPE. Alcohol was a factor. **COST: 1 Soldier Killed**

➔ A USAR Soldier was injured in an AMV accident on 22 APR 06 at 2400 local in Iraq. The Soldier was the rear gunner on a M923 (5 ton) up-armored vehicle in a convoy. As the

Soldier turned around, he was "close-lined" by a cord and hit his head on the .50-caliber machine gun resulting in possible head and neck injury. **COST: 1 Soldier Injured**

➔ A Task Force Spartan Soldier was injured in a fall on 23 APR 06 at 0810 local in Afghanistan. The Soldier fell 30 feet while patrolling a ridgeline. **COST: 1 Soldier Killed**

➔ A 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Soldier was injured in a motorcycle accident on 24 APR 06 1200 local in Temple, Texas. The details of the accident are still pending. **COST: 1 Soldier Injured**

➔ A 1st Special Warfare Training Group Soldier was injured on 21 APR 06 at 2222 local on Ft Bragg, N.C. The Soldier injured his leg during a parachute training jump. During the airborne operation the Soldier (in phase IV training of SF school) was static-line jumping into an FTX out of a C-130. His left leg entangled in the risers of the parachute, which broke his tibia and fibula, separated the knee

joint and caused arterial damage. Medical personnel performed an arterial graft in an attempt to restore circulation. The attempt was unsuccessful requiring amputation of the leg at the knee. **COST: 1 Soldier Injured**

➔ A Fires Brigade, 4th ID Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident on 21 April 2006 at 1200 local near Killeen, Texas. While on R&R from Iraq, the Soldier was operating a 2002 Honda CBR motorcycle when he drifted onto the shoulder causing the motorcycle to flip. The Soldier was taken to the local medical center where he died from his injuries. Although the Soldier was properly licensed and had taken the Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, he was not wearing a helmet. Speed was a factor. **COST: 1 Soldier Killed**



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